

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Dominique BOUREL et al.  
Title: USE OF METALLIC CATIONS TO  
IMPROVE FUNCTIONAL ACTIVITY OF  
ANTIBODIES  
Appl. No.: 10/576,440  
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Examiner: Amy E. JUEDES  
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Number: 2420

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 18, 2009, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the subject matter of **Group II** (claims 11-18 and 20-28) drawn to an antibody having a fixing site for a metallic cation and solutions and pharmaceutical compositions thereof.

Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely filed, and reserve the right to file a divisional application to pursue the non-elected claims.